

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2001, 6:00 P.M.
WOODBINE, GEORGIA

A regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Courthouse in Woodbine, Georgia.

Present: Commissioner-Elect Stephen L. Berry, Commissioner-Elect David L. Rainer, Commissioner-Elect Preston Rhodes, Commissioner Kenneth G. Hase, County Administrator Barrett T. King, County Attorney O. Brent Green, and Assistant County Administrator Nancy C. Weisensee. (Commissioner Robert G. Becker was absent.)

Probate Judge Martin Gillette was present to swear in the Commissioners-Elect.

After the swearing-in ceremony, Commissioner Hase called the meeting to order and asked for the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Nancy Weisensee delivered the invocation.

Commissioner Hase led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes to elect Steve Berry as Chairman and David Rainer as Vice Chairman.

There were no other nominations.

Commissioner Hase called for a vote and requested that all those in favor raise their right hand.

Commissioners Berry, Rainer, Hase, and Rhodes voted in favor.

Roll Call – Nancy Weisensee announced there was a quorum and Commissioner Becker was absent.

1. Reports:

(No reports)

2. Old Business:

(No old business)

3. New Business:

c. Meeting and agenda procedures.

The Commissioners agreed to use the meeting and agenda procedures that are in place.

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, and voted unanimously to amend the agenda by adding Item 3. c. (1) Public Comment.

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There were no comments from the public.

d. Appointments:

i. County Attorney and County Administrator:

The County Attorney's proposed agreement includes an increase in the monthly retainer fee from \$3,000 to \$3,333.34. In addition to the monthly retainer, the County will be billed \$100.00 per hour for litigation, litigation research, and

depositions. The County Attorney will be required to attend two County Attorney Seminars held each year and all ACCG general meetings. The Board of Commissioners will pay tuition, boarding and transportation costs for the required seminars and general meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Rainer, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to appoint O. Brent Green as County Attorney and authorize Chairman Berry to sign the County Attorney's employment agreement as presented.

Chairman Berry stated there is no need to vote on the County Administrator's contract. The County Administrator, Barry King, has a four-year contract with the County; however, there is a requirement to do an annual evaluation of Mr. King's performance. Chairman Berry asked Commissioner Hase to set up the evaluation process.

ii. County Library Board:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to table this item.

iii. Planning Commission:

Commissioner Rhodes nominated Mr. Glennie Jackson as District 1 appointment. Commissioner Berry nominated Mr. Christopher Murray as District 3 appointment.

Commissioner Rainer nominated Mr. Gerald Crummey as District 5 appointment.

Motion by Commissioner Rainer, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Glennie Jackson, Mr. Christopher Murray, and Mr. Gerald Crummey to the Planning Commission for four-year terms.

iv. Regional Development Center (RDC):

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to table this item.

v. Public Service Authority:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, and voted unanimously that Chairman Berry, and Commissioner Rhodes as Commissioner with the largest unincorporated population, serve on the Public Service Authority until new census figures are available.

vi. Camden County Board of Health:

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Rainer to the Camden County Health Department Board as the designated County government official to serve while holding office.

vii. Coastal Community College Advisory Board:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes, and voted unanimously to table this item.

e. Board approval of letter to Commission-appointed members of various Boards and Authorities:

Chairman Berry stated that the Commissioners have reviewed a draft letter that introduces the new Board and inquires as to whether or not the appointee still has the time to devote to the appointment. It is not the intention of the Board to

encourage or compel anyone to resign, this is merely an opportunity offered to those who no longer wish to serve.

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to send a letter to all county-appointed members of the various boards, commissions, and committees to introduce the new Board of Commissioners and inquire as to whether or not the appointees still have the time to devote to the tasks of their appointment.

- f. Set date for joint meeting with the Joint Development Authority:

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Hase, and voted unanimously to schedule a joint meeting with the Joint Development Authority to be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2001, at 5:30 p.m.

- g. Set date for field inspection at Misty Harbor Subdivision:

The Commissioners asked Barry King to contact Misty Harbor personnel and determine a date and time that is convenient for all.

- h. Approval of minutes for December 19 and December 21, 2000:

Motion by Commissioner Hase, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, and voted unanimously to approve the Board of Commissioners' Meeting minutes for December 19 and December 21, 2000.

- i. Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation:
(6:50 o'clock p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, and voted unanimously that this Board now enters into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-15-4 and pursuant to advice by O. Brent Green, County Attorney, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

That upon the conclusion of the discussion or deliberation in the closed session portion of the meeting that this body enter back into open session, open to the public, at which point an announcement will be made in the Commissioners' Meeting Room that this Board is back in session.

That upon coming back into open session this body ratify the consensus taken in closed session; and

That this body, in open session, adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the chairman to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4, and that this body confirm that the actions of the Board in closed session were as required by law and approved by the County Attorney.

- j. Reconvene:
(7:30 o'clock p.m.)
Chairman Berry announced there was nothing to report from executive session. Official, signed affidavit copied into minutes book and original on file in County Clerk's office.)

- k. Recess:
(7:32 o'clock p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Rainer, and voted unanimously to recess the meeting until Tuesday, January 16, 2001, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Berry
Chairman

Nancy C. Weisensee
Assistant County Administrator/Clerk